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Letter dated 17 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), I have the honour to transmit herewith the joint statement by the ASEAN foreign ministers on the Kampuchean problem, issued at Kuala Lumpur on 8 July 1985.

I should be grateful if this letter and its enclosure could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 22, 40 and 105 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Text of the joint statement by the ASEAN foreign ministers on the
Kampuchean problem, issued at Kuala Lumpur, 8 July 1985

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has consistently worked for a political settlement of the Kampuchean problem. In its continuing effort to propose initiatives that could help the process of a political settlement in Kampuchea, ASEAN has consulted the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea on the possibility of its entering into indirect or proximity talks with Viet Nam.

The Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea has informed ASEAN that it is ready to enter into such talks with Viet Nam for the purpose of discussing the basic elements of a comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Kampuchean problem.

The proximity talks between Viet Nam and the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, which could also be attended by representatives of Heng Samrin as part of the Vietnamese delegation, will be exploratory in nature and on a continuing basis, and will be concerned with the following basic elements of a comprehensive political settlement:

- (a) Withdrawal of foreign forces from Kampuchea;
- (b) A United Nations Control and Supervisory Commission;
- (c) National reconciliation;
- (d) A United Nations-supervised election/exercise of self-determination.

ASEAN appeals to Viet Nam to abandon the current policy of seeking a military solution to the Kampuchean problem. ASEAN urges Viet Nam to accept the reality and strength of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea under the Presidency of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and to seek an agreement with the Coalition Government in the interest of the Kampuchean people, and the peace and stability of South-East Asia as a whole.

ASEAN calls on Viet Nam to respond positively to these proposals.
